kms. on the Ernakulam-Trivandrum section.

(ii) Through rail renewal on 3° and sharper curves has been completed. So far about 40 kms. of through rail renewal has also been completed.

(iii) Examination of rolling stock has been further intensified.

(iv) Administrative machinery to oversee the improvements being carried out has been strengthened.

(d) No, sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Railway Line from Bilara to Ber in Rajas-than

10. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to lay a rail line from Bilara to Ber in Rajas-than and to introduce a fast train between Jodhpur and Udaipur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Metro Railway System between Madras Central and Luz Corner

11. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Metro Railway system which was planned and approved from Madras Central to Luz Corner has not been progressing due to the controversy created between the Ministry of Railways and the Tamil Nadu Government; and

(b) by when the said project would be completed and commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) This would depend upon the availa-bility of funds in the coming years.

Complaints of Loss of Luggage and Goods in the Railways

12. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received from passengers about the loss of luggage and goods during the current financial year, zone-wise;

(b) what is the total amount paid by the Railways as claims for the loss of luggage and goods during the same period; and

(c) what are the corresponding figures of complaints received and trie amount of claims paid by the Railways during the last two financial years, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) A statement is attached. *[See* Appendix CXLIX, Anneiure No. 2]. Figures for claims paid on passenger luggage and goods are not maintained separately.

International Conferences held in India

13. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4316 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st September, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the number of International conferences held in New Delhi during the period between July and December, 1988 alongwith the number of participating countries and the number of delegates;